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SUBJ: DUTCH AID TO COLOMBIA

- 1. DELEGATIONS FROM THE NETHERLANDS AND COLOMBIA REACHED AGREEMENT IN BOGOTA LAST MONTH ON HOW TO SPEND THIS YEARS 22 MILLION GUILDERS (\$1.00 EQUSL 2.49 GUILDERS) IN DUTCH AID. COLOMBIA, ONE OF THE PRIORITY COUNTRIES FOR DUTCH AID WILL RECEIVE A SOFT TERM LOAN OF 14 MILLLION GUILDERS AND A GIFT OF EIGHT MILLION.
- 2. THE NETHERANDS WILL HELP TO BRING DRINKING WATER AND ELECTRICITIY TO THE DEPARTMENT OF CHOCO, ONE OF COLOMBIAS LEAST DEVELOPED AREAS. IN ADDITION DUTCH EXPERTS WILL GO TO COLOMBIA TO ASSIST IN VARIOUS PROJECTS. DUTCH AID WILL ALSO BE USED TO BUY TWO SMALL CRAFTS, PARTS FOR A RADIO TELECOMMUNIATIONS SYSTEM AND MATERIALS FOR SMALL SELF MANAGED BUSINESSES AND FARMS. IN ADDITION DUTCH AID WILL BE USED INA SEARCH FOR DRINKING WATER IN THE NORTHERN DESERT REGION AND IN SETTING UP A FUNCTIONAL EDUCATION PROGRAM FOR BACKWARDS AREAS. MATERIALS WILL UNCLASSIFIED

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BE SUPPLIED FOR A RECEPTION AND TRAINING CENTER TO BE BUILT IN BOGOTA FOR HOMELESS YOUTHS, AND DUTCH EXPERTS AND FUNDS WILL BE USED TO SET UP A PILOT FARM IN THE AMAZON AREA AND TO BUILD DYKES IN THE SLUM AREAS OF CARTAGENA WHICH ARE FREQUENTLY HIT BY FLOODS.

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